



**JOSEPHINE COUNTY / CITY OF GRANTS PASS  
SOLID WASTE AGENCY  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 19, 2016**

Meeting convened at 3:02 P.M.

**Agency Board Members Present:**

Rob Brandes  
Connie Roach (Left at 4:05 P.M.)  
Lora Glover  
Rick Riker  
Brad Carlson  
Dave Reeves (Arrived at 3:40 P.M.)

**Agency Board Members Absent:**

Mike Bollweg

**Others:** Don Moss, General Manager, Republic Services  
Julie Jackson, Assistant, Republic Services  
Shea Sigafous, Recycling Coordinator, Southern Oregon Sanitation  
Trent Carpenter, Operations manager, Southern Oregon Sanitation  
Ryan Nolan, Recorder, City of Cave Junction  
Pat Fahey, Retired General Manager, Southern Oregon Sanitation

**Staff:** Jason Canady, Operations Officer  
Linda Gay, Minute Recorder

Rob Brandes called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. There was a quorum and the meeting proceeded.

1. **Approval of minutes from March 15, 2016 meeting.** Lora Glover made a motion to approve the March 15, 2016 meeting minutes. Connie Roach seconded the motion. Motion approved 5 - 0.

**2. Rogue River Cleanup 2016 Funding Request – Alisha Howard**

Alisha presented a funding for the Rogue River Cleanup. She noted that this is the 24<sup>th</sup> year for this event and that BLM has organized the event in the past but due to ongoing funding and staffing issues, they will not this year. Alisha is requesting \$6,000 from the Solid Waste Agency to help cover volunteer's costs of food, t-shirts, and hats for the volunteer staff.

Alisha stated that for this event to be a success it needs many partnerships. Some of the many partnerships are SOLVE which recruits volunteers statewide, BLM who provides tents, tables and helps transport the trash, the Solid Waste Agency for funding, Les Schwab for recycling the tires, Republic Services, who carts away all the garbage, and Master Recyclers along with other businesses and community involvement.

The event last year had about 300 volunteers who helped with the Rogue River cleanup. Alisha relayed the importance of having this event yearly because it helps protect our wildlife and our most valued resource, the Rogue River. Alisha stated that with continued support from the Solid Waste Agency helps keep the river and environment clean and helps promotes tourism along with the economy in the Rogue Valley by having a cleaner river. This year's event will be on May 14, 2016 and volunteers will cover the area along the river from Whitehorse Park to Grave Creek.

At the event last year, they filled a 10-yard dumpster with garbage along the Rogue River banks. About 4½ yards of that were metals, plastics, and glass that could be recycled. In addition, the volunteers removed approximately 150 tires from the riverbanks. Connie Roach suggested that it might be beneficial to partnership with local tire companies so people could take discarded tires directly to the outlets, instead of disposing them throughout the community and in our natural resources.

Alisha concluded her presentation by saying that having a yearly event will help care for the environment and will protect these resources. It also helps create partnerships with the community through the efforts of volunteers. Rob Brandes made a motion to approve the \$6,000 funding request for the 2016 Rogue River Cleanup. Lora Glover seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

**3. The meeting recessed for the Budget Committee meeting.**

**4. Southern Oregon Sanitation presents their 2015 Annual Report –Trent Carpenter**

Trent Carpenter presented the 2015 Annual Report for Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) to the Board. Trent stated that that the company has spent over 1 million dollars purchasing new trucks and containers in 2015. Trent stated customer visits to the transfer station has increased 30% since 2014, or approximately 35,000 customers.

One of Southern Oregon Sanitation's events that they sponsor in Josephine County is the Household Hazardous Waste Collection. The event handled 585 people that disposed of 39,000 pounds of material, which was an increase from 2014.

Trent continued with the presentation and identified the company's disbursement of franchise fees as follows: \$101,071 paid to the City of Grants Pass, \$14,493 paid to the City of Cave Junction and \$139,235 paid to Josephine County. The Environmental Program fees increased in 2015 to \$116,206. The profitability for 2015 was 11.03% as compared to 11.09% for 2014. Trent reported that the Southern Oregon Sanitation Transfer Station accepted 24,629 tons of waste for 2015 and Kerby Transfer Station had 2,456 tons brought to the facility.

Other recycling events in 2015 that Southern Oregon Sanitation organized was the Josephine County Fair, Household Hazardous Waste Collection, spring and fall cleanup, and the florescent tube disposal. New events scheduled from SOS along with the regular yearly events for 2016 is the Josephine Countywide recycling and the Pesticide collection.

**5. Kerby Landfill Cap Restoration (update & application for reimbursement) – Rob Brandes**

Rob Brandes updated the Solid Waste Agency Board regarding the status of the Kerby Landfill Cap Restoration project. Rob stated that initially they were going to only use topsoil and add amendments to cover the Cap, but now they would like to have Republic Services haul out Biosolids to mix and apply. Don, from Republic Services is still working on a plan on how to get the Biosolids from Grants Pass to Kerby Landfill, since the City of Grants Pass has Class C Biosolids; it is too liquid to haul currently out to the Cap in its present state. If Biosolids are Class A or B, the application regulations are much less stringent.

Rob's other plan to cover the Cap was to use Josephine County ditching material. Rob stated in order to meet all DEQ requirements the ditching material needs to be tested. Using this method to cover the smaller areas, this will be cheaper than applying topsoil. Rob stated they might use jute mat and reseed some of the smaller areas that are eroding and close to exposing the Cap.

**6. Other Business-**

**Funding request from Cave Junction – Jason Canady**

Jason revealed to the Board the City of Cave Junction's Project Accounting/Invoice for the approved Funding Request that was presented to the Solid Waste Agency Meeting on November 17, 2015 for \$10,000. Ryan Nolan emailed the itemized invoice for \$9,965.70 prior to today's Solid Waste Agency meeting and Jason asked

about one line item labeled *Volunteer Donation – Senior Class Grad Night* for \$500. Ryan explained that every year they have some group from the high school, such as, one year the football team, girls' soccer, boy's baseball and this year was the senior class graduate night. Ryan stated that to get the volunteers to pick up tires and to be there early in the morning. This donation has been going on for three years and it goes to some group not an individual.

**7. Agenda building for next meeting – May 17, 2016**

- Adoption of the 2017 Budget, Resolution

***Adjourn 4:06 p.m.***

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** None listed.